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PHONE NO. 15.

C. M. COLE.

Washington Letter.

From our regular correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15, 1899

Mr. McKinley isn't satisfied with his Congress; he intends to boss the whole republican shooting match. For some reason he has soured on Boss Platt's little scheme of making Gov. Teddy Roosevelt the Vice Presidential candidate, and he took occasion to tell the members of the republican national committee, which met in Washington today to choose the time and place for the next republican national convention, that Secretary Root would be nominated on his ticket. Boss Platt tries to make it appear that he means it when he says that Root's nomination for Vice President will be entirely satisfactory to him. Now that it has become known that Mr. Root is Mr. McKinley's candidate, the thick and thin worshippers at the McKinley shrine are falling into line and the Root boom is growing accordingly.

Senator Allen, who has been appointed by the governor of Nebraska to fill the vacancy left by the death of the late Senator Hayward, will be warmly welcomed as a staunch and valuable recruit to the ranks of the anti gold standard Senators, who are preparing for a long and hard fight in the Senate against the gold standard bill which Mr. McKinley has found it so easy to jam through the House.

The republican speeches in the House, this week, have contained lots of gush about "republican prosperity" and "sound money," but very little of any portion of the gold standard bill, which will, if it becomes a law, put the control of the finances of the country in the hands of the bankers, enabling them to contract or expand the amount of money in circulation at will.

Representative Cochran, of Missouri, in an able speech against the McKinley gold standard bill, presented figures showing that there is not enough gold in the world to do the business of the world, and declared that the importation of gold to pay for the surplus crops exported to supply the failure of crops abroad had quickened trade and produced the prosperity of which the republicans boasted, and warned the republicans that when the stock of gold declined, as he believed it was bound to do, the prosperity of today would crumble like a house of cards. Representative Sims, of Tennessee, in his speech against the gold bill, called attention to the very important fact that while wages did not average more than 10 per cent above the panic level, the price of manufactured

Senator Pettigrew's resolution calling upon the secretary of the navy to inform the Senate whether the flag of the Philippine republic was carried by vessels in Manila bay and saluted by Admiral Dewey or any of the vessels of his squadron at any time since May 1, 1898, and whether a vessel flying the Philippine flag accompanied the U. S. cruiser Concord and Raleigh to Subig bay, in June 1898, to aid in compelling the Spanish force to surrender, asks for legitimate information and should be adopted. If these reports are false the administration ought to be glad of the opportunity to officially say so, but no such gladness is manifested. On the contrary, Mr. Pettigrew's resolution is to be smothered, not answered.

Mr. Quay is in Washington, making a personal appeal to Senators to vote to seat him on the governor's credentials. It is said that if he does not receive assurances from a sufficient number of Senators to make it absolutely certain that he will be seated, he intends to withdraw his application and credentials, but there is a doubt as to whether he could withdraw them.

Some of the members of the House committee which is engaged in investigating the charges against Roberts are themselves charged with being more anxious to get a free trip to Utah and back, with all expenses paid, than to complete the investigation and make a report. There seems very little probability that the report will be made to the House before the Christmas recess.

It is no new thing to charge the U. S. Senate with being an extravagant body, but the itemized cost, as shown by the report of the secretary of the Senate, of the furnishings bought for the Vice President's room at the Capitol, show that it is growing more extravagant all the time. Here are some of the items: Imported carpet \$465, Antique desk \$325, Mahogany table \$150, sofa \$130, two rugs \$212, two pair of lace curtains \$300, velvet portiere \$170, and a solid silver ink stand \$1,000.

The democrats intend pushing trust legislation at this session of Congress. Senator Morgan, of Alabama, has introduced an anti-trust joint resolution which he says he intends forcing to a vote if it possibly can be done, and Senator Chilton, of Texas, says the same about the anti-trust bill he has introduced.

The appointment of Gen. Leonard Wood, whose nomination to be major general of volunteers was confirmed by the Senate this week, to be military governor of Cuba, is regarded as the best thing that has happened for goods had increased 100 per cent.

some time, as he has shown by his management of the province of Santiago that he thoroughly understands how to get along with them.

Teachers' Association.

The Phillips county teachers' association met in the school house last Saturday at 2 o'clock p. m. The attendance was fair. The first topic "Culture Studies" was not discussed owing to the absence of the parties who were assigned to that subject. The next paper, "Current Events" by James Warren, was read by Supt. Thomas, Mr. Warren being absent. The paper showed excellent observation and covered the ground nicely. It was discussed by Miss Ada Baker, Prof. Mallory, Miss Eunice Baker, Messrs. Gaumer, Warner and others. Following this came "The situation in the Transvaal" by C. T. Gaumer. The paper reviewed the causes of the trouble, going back to the beginning and traced the history of the difficulty to its present status. This topic aroused a lively discussion of the attitude of this country towards the Boers, in their struggle with the power of the English government. The discussion developed that the teachers are not only well informed about what is going on, but that they do some thinking along the lines of citizenship as well. Prof. Mallory, Supt. Thomas, Messrs. White, Warner, W. B. Gaumer, C. T. Gaumer, McCormick and Tadlock took part in the discussion.

The Phillipsburg high school choir furnished good music for the occasion. Misses Luia Hajunkratt and Mae Seavay favored the teachers with excellent humorous recitations. Supt. Thomas called Chas. A. Rhoads to the chair and he presided in a very able manner during the meeting. On motion the association adjourned.

For forty years the republican party has been teaching us that bimetalism—the use of gold and silver on an equal footing, was right. Now it turns right around and says to us that what it taught us was morally wrong. What do you think of such a teacher? Can you blindly follow it into new heresies? Speak! or what would be more becoming, observe the silence which nearly always follows the remorse of an accusing conscience. —Emporia Republican.

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Speed Notes.

(Too late for last week.)

The weather has been most beautiful around Speed for the past several days—rain, hail, snow, mud and the wind blowing.

The next dream of Speed will be a new mill. The plans for the same are already under good headway and we wish to add just at this point that a better location would be hard to find; almost a carload of flour being retailed at this place each week with one of the best wheat growing localities accessible to the town from the south, there is in Kansas.

The farmers around this place say that wheat is coming up since the rains and the prospect for a fall wheat crop next season is most flattering.

The box supper at the M. E. church Saturday was a success although the rain fell most of the time on that afternoon and evening, but the people are beginning to get used to the rain in Kansas and do not seem to mind it any more than they used to hot winds.

Do not forget the date of the Christmas tree at Speed, Dec. 23, on Saturday night, and by all means do not forget to come. Our people will do all in their power to make this the most enjoyable occasion of the year. Everybody is invited to come and spend that night at Speed. Send all names of children that will attend to Miss Mary Adams, Speed, Kans., which will insure them of a nice present from Santa Claus.

As another evidence of Speed's prosperity, a blind showman stopped over at Speed last Friday from the 10 o'clock train, put up a few posters for an entertainment at night. About 2 o'clock rain set in and continued to rain all the afternoon and night, but undaunted by the rain he went ahead with the entertainment and cleared \$35.15. It is nothing unusual for a good show to clear \$250.00 to \$500.00 a night at this place.

We understand several parties are uneasy for fear we will give them a "roast" since we have again took up our correspondence from this place. We never like to disappoint anyone. So those parties will hereby take notice that they are roasted.

G. G. Ford visited some place last Sunday, but we don't know where. How we happened to find out what we did, we called upon him about noon and found the place deserted. It is strange some people cannot stay at home on Sundays so a fellow would have a chance to go and see them.

Dr. Chapman is headquarters for holiday goods. He will open up another large shipment next week. You can be waited upon promptly and showed through his large stock of presents without asking for that courtesy as they are always ready to wait upon you.

A long train load of cattle passed through Speed last Sunday for Kansas City. Quite a lot of stock is beginning to move over the Central branch of late.

French & Hahnenkratt sell harness, robes and horse blankets.

Seven years ago New Zealand suffered from a panic similar to our panic of 1893, times were desperate, business prostrated, people who could get away were leaving, strikes and riots were the order of the day, much as is the case in this country now.

The labor unions took the matter in hand and were fortunately led by men of brains. They elected their wisest, most radical leaders to office, the tax laws were changed, excise and tariff duties largely abolished, small property holders exempted from taxation and large ones more heavily taxed. Today that far-away country, while not a paradise, is the best country on earth for the laboring classes, and rapidly filling up. The state employs all people who apply for work at \$2.00 a day for eight hours, and wealth is increasing twice as rapidly as in any country on earth, and there are no strikes, no poverty, no crime.—Appeal to Reason.

A bill has been introduced in Congress to subsidize a Pacific cable from San Diego, Cal. to Honolulu, and from thence to Guam and Manila. If the United States is to furnish the money to build the cable, why not own and operate it in the interest of the whole people, instead of building it, presenting it to a company, and then forever afterward paying extortionate rates for the transmission of government messages?

The English seem to have lost sight of the fact that the Boers are descended from exactly the same stock as themselves. Both the Angles and the Saxons went to Britain from Holland and are therefore closely related to the Dutch of Holland. This Dutch stock transplanted in South Africa, as the Anglo-Saxon stock was transplanted in America (for conscience sake) is trying to lay the foundation for a glorious republic, which shall be to the southern hemisphere what the United States is to the northern—a refuge of the oppressed of all the world, and the vanguard of human freedom. It is the unenviable position of having stood in the way of progress in both cases that England will occupy in history. Let us hope the American Congress will adopt the Mason resolution of sympathy for the Boers, thus placing the influence of our government on the right side of the world's progress.

Every republican paper in Kansas is rejoicing because the Court of Visitation has been knocked out by Judge Hook. Now gentlemen, we would like to ask what you have to offer in its stead. For nearly twenty years there has been a demand for railroad legislation by the people of Kansas, regardless of party. The messages of Govs. St. John, Glick, and especially that of John A. Martin, called loudly for action along this line.

The Greenlee bill by the republicans and the Brown bill by the populists (both maximum rate bills) added two more chapters to the imperative demand by the people of both parties for relief from extortionate freight charges. All parties agree also that the railroad commissioner law was absolutely insufficient. Tell us now what you would give the people instead of this law which Judge Hook has knocked out. Does the republican party in Kansas stand for anything positive, or is its whole stock in trade objecting to populist measures. The people's party does things. If the republicans have anything to offer except to stand around and oppose whatever the populists do, let them stand forth and say what they propose to do.

Before the organization of the populist party, maybe, too, several times since, the republican party used to always put a plank in their state platform, as a vote-getter in the coal mining regions of the southeast part of the state, in favor of an Anti-Scrip law—a law to compel mine owners to pay their employees in money instead of due bills good only in trade at stores owned by the same mine owners. It remained for populist legislators to enact the law, now come the republican members of the Supreme court and decree two of them being a majority—that the law is unconstitutional, therefore void. Judge Foster dissented from the decision of the court. Populists gave the miners the law, which the republicans had promised them for years, to protect them against the rapacity of the corporations, the republican Supreme court destroy the law. It may be a hard matter next fall for the g. o. p. spellbinders to convince the voters of Cherokee and Crawford counties that the republican party is the true friend of the working man and the populist party is enemy. Every telling shot that has been made at the unjust acts of corporations, trusts, or combine has come from a populist source—every time the blow has been averted the defense has come from a source strongly impregnated with republicanism. Strange, isn't it? Stranger still though, that any republican should be elected to a state office in Kansas.—Concordia Kansan.

Gen. Buller is headed toward Pretoria, but his traveling resembles that of a crawfish.

Our republican brothers, in speaking of the President's message, say: "It is a lengthy and exhaustive document." No question at all about that—very exhaustive—makes everybody tired.—Gomer Davis.

There seems to be some difference in the way a Filipino is killed. For instance, if by Spanish bullets it is "blotting the face of God's green earth with innocent blood;" if by American bullets it is "teaching him the glories of a truly Christian civilization"—Kirwin Independent.

A republican Congress is in session, a republican president is in the white house. Now what will they do toward abolishing the trusts? If they fail to do anything, can they come up next summer with an anti-trust plank and capture votes, as they did with their insincere "international agreement" plank in 1896?

Editor Sees Wonders.

Editor W. V. Barry of Lexington, Tenn., in exploring Mammoth Cave, contracted a severe case of piles. His quick cure through using Backlen's Arnica Salve convinced it is another world's wonder, cures piles, injuries, inflammation, and all bodily eruptions. Only 25c at James & Co's drug store.

School closed Dec. 8, 1899, in district No. 53.

Number of days taught.....80
Number of pupils enrolled.....23
Average attendance.....16
Number of visitors.....9

Report for last month as follows:
Number of days taught.....20
Number enrolled.....25
Average attendance.....16
Number not absent.....8
Number not tardy.....9
GEORGIA ELLROD, Teacher.

About Sunday Hunting.

Asthma in Worst Form Relieved. Miss Maud Dickens, Parsons, Kas, writes: "I suffered eight years with asthma in its worst form. I had several attacks during the last year and was not expected to live through them. I began using Foley's Honey and Tar and it has never failed to give immediate relief. I recommend it to all suffering with asthma. 25 and 50 cts. J. L. McCormick.

Call money loaned on the New York stock exchange last Monday at 125 per cent. The Produce Exchange failed, with liabilities amounting to \$11,000,000. Henry Allen & Co., a large firm of bankers and brokers, suspended with liabilities of several millions. Secretary Gage says if something cannot be done soon to relieve the stringency a disastrous panic will occur. This is prosperity (?) indeed!

If Congress wants American ships and American sailors to go into the carrying trade again, let them abolish the prohibition tariff laws and the network of obsolete trade restrictions and our merchant marine will once again assume its former station at the head of all the nations engaged in ocean commerce. The republican plan however is to keep up the restrictive and oppressive laws, and then subsidize a few "pet" lines of steamships, thus gouging the people both ways—with a tariff to "protect" the billionaire trusts, and a subsidy to reimburse the billionaire steamship companies.

Brave Explorers

Like Stanley and Livingstone found it harder to overcome malaria, fever and ague, and typhoid disease germs than savage cannibals; but thousands have discovered that Electric Bitters is a wonderful cure for all malarial diseases. If you have chills with fever, aches in back of neck and head and tired, worn-out feeling, a trial will convince you of their merit. W. A. Hall of Webb, Ill., writes: "My children suffered for more than a year with chills and fever; then two bottles of Electric Bitters cured them. Only 50 cents; try them. Guaranteed Sold by James & Co, druggists.